

Griffith Lake

32.2 acres

Milford

An unexpected partial drawdown occurred in 2006 when a leak developed under the water control structure. A number of fish were rescued and transported to Blairs Pond, immediately upstream. The repairs did not require a full drawdown and most of the fish were able to survive in the large pool left in the pond.



Following repairs and refilling of the pond, a number of fish were collected from Blairs Pond and returned to Griffith Lake. By 2008, bass catches were good with the dominant size class of fish being 12 to 15 inches. However, a good supply of bass over 15 inches was also present.

Bluegill were also fairly abundant as were chain pickerel, yellow perch, and golden shiners. The largest number of bluegill were large – over 6 inches. Yellow perch have been collected from the pond historically. American eel, creek chubsucker, and chain pickerel were also present.

In March 2009, Eastern Shore Bassmasters installed a number of brush piles in the lake to improve fish habitat. Several are marked by stars on the map below and at the pond by red-topped poles, but GPS coordinates are: N38 54.600 X W75 28.033; N38 54.667 X W 75 27.933; and N38 54.683 X W 75 27.917.

VEGETATION

An herbicide treatment in spring 2008 caused a major decline in the hydrilla, but by late summer 2008, coverage of this non-native plant was extensive in the upper third of the pond. Floating mats of algae also remain in the upper third of the pond where the depth is shallowest.

SPECIAL CONDITION

The boat ramp at this pond was improved during the 2006 repair of the water control structure. The ramp was widened and the floating dock and shoreline bulkhead renovated. This makes it much easier to launch and also to fish from shore. The shoreline vegetation along Griffith Drive (County Rd 633) has been pruned some to improve shore angling access. The parking lot is relatively small, limited to 4 vehicles with trailers at most.



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